

A CHECK TO RUSSIA.

Britain and Japan Tell China Not to Yield.

OUR PROTEST ENTERED, TOO.

Hay Quer'es Russia and Urges China to Resist.

Our Government Will Strenuously Oppose.

Diplomatically, the Apparent Purpose of Russia to Prevent the Opening of the Ports Mukden and Takuhan and to Exclude American and Other Consuls—This Country to Act Alone as a Nation and Not Join With England and Japan in Their Protest.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

PEKING, April 26.—The diplomatic representatives here of the British and Japanese Governments have advised Prince Ching, the head of the Chinese Foreign Office, not to agree to Russia's new demand for the virtual control of Manchuria. They have advised him to insist on the restoration of that province to the condition it was in previous to the Boxer troubles.

The United States has taken no formal action in the matter.

LONDON, April 26.—Russia's demands on China in respect to Manchuria are looked upon here as the matter of the greatest importance which is now confronting the Foreign Office. Inasmuch as they reopen in the most serious fashion the whole question of the relations of the European Powers, the United States and Japan, with China.

The attitude taken by the London papers as shown in this morning's cables to The Sun, in no way exaggerates the public feeling here, which is practically unanimous in regarding Russia's action as being the greatest breach of faith.

That Russia intended to be, and would be, the dominant influence in Manchuria, was generally recognized, but the present ultimatum came as a shock. The only attempt at mitigation of Russia's attitude put forward by a few people is the suggestion that it may be a preliminary to negotiations on the Oriental principle of abiding a price greatly in excess of that which the vendor is prepared to accept.

But, as they stand, Russia's demands are considered to infringe on two principles to which all interested Powers are pledged, namely, the policy of the open door and the preservation of the integrity of China.

The suggestion that no new treaty ports should be opened in Manchuria, that no new foreign consulates be permitted, that none but Russians be employed in any administrative capacity, civil or military, throughout Manchuria, while the Newchang customs receipts are to be paid into the Russo-Chinese Bank, are considered practically to close the door to other nations and compromise the partition of China by the practical cessation of Manchuria to Russia.

Recent treaty-making despatches from China point out that at Newchang itself there is no Russian trade or shipping, while the volume of British, American and Japanese trade represents a capitalised value of millions of pounds sterling. Moreover, Russia has been making full use of her present occupation of Manchuria to divert this non-Russian commerce into Port Arthur.

Perhaps the most important immediate question for the British Government is the position that this country will find herself in if Japan should carry out her avowed intention of taking an extreme course in the event that she considers Russia's present action inimical to her interests.

Heretofore Germany has shown little interest in this matter. The National Zeitung of Berlin explains this fact to-night by saying: "We are quite unconcerned about this matter, for Chancellor von Bülow said in the Reichstag that Germany had no political and very insignificant trade interests there. To German thinking Manchuria lies within the sphere of Russian interests, as was made plain that it was expressly excluded from the provisions of the Anglo-German agreement. Accordingly, in no way is Germany called on to interfere."

HAY ENTERS OUR PROTEST.

Urges China Not to Yield to Russia and Asia Russia What Is Meant.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—With the approval of the President and in his name Secretary Hay has addressed to the Chinese Government a strong protest against acquiescence by China in the Russian demands concerning Manchuria. At the same time Mr. Hay has asked the Russian Government to inform him of its purposes in regard to Manchuria, and especially to define the first and the second demands made upon China. These demands are that no more Manchurian ports or towns shall be opened, and that no more foreign consuls shall be recognized in that Province. The note to China was telegraphed to Mr. Conger, the United States Minister at Peking, and that to Russia to Mr. McCord, the United States Ambassador at St. Petersburg.

It is evident from the character of the inquiries made of Russia that this Government will strenuously resist, diplomatically, the apparent purpose of the Russian Government to prevent the opening of the ports of Mukden and Takuhan, to which, according to the terms of the commercial treaty now being negotiated between the United States and China, was to be applied the principle of the "open door." The exclusion of American Consuls from Manchuria is also, for obvious reasons, objectionable to the United States.

That this Government will act alone in its efforts to bring about modification of the Russian terms was made evident to-day at an interview between Secretary Hay and Mr. Takahira, the Japanese Minister, who telegraphed instructions from his Government, which is naturally extremely anxious to present as strong a front as possible in its opposition to Russia's attempt to secure control of Manchuria, and to that end would welcome the co-operation of the United States.

That Japan and England will act jointly is regarded as certain, but the United States, following its traditional policy, will deal with Russia and China upon its individual responsibility as a nation. Nothing that could properly be construed into even an understanding of an alliance or an alliance of cooperation with England, Japan or other nations against Russia's policy concerning Manchuria will be done by the Government.

In view of the suspicion here that Russia intends to violate her virtual pledge to the United States to observe the principle of the "open door" and to do nothing to endanger the territorial integrity of China, Count Cassini, the Russian Ambassador, has informed Secretary Hay in writing that there is nothing inimical to the interests of the United States in the Russian attitude.

He asserts, it is understood, that the course of his Government is designed to prevent a repetition of the Boxer troubles, and that that the United States States by its attitude. The State Department desires more explicit information as to Russia's intentions, however, and for that reason the inquiries made of the Russian Ambassador through Ambassador McCormick.

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No communication in regard to the Russian demands has been received by the Secretary of State from England, Germany or France. England's attitude is known to be practically similar to that of the United States, although she may be inclined to go to greater extremes in coalition with Japan to prevent the accomplishment of the Russian scheme.

As for Germany, her position was made known in the time when, in giving adherence to the principle of the "open door" and the preservation of China's territorial integrity, she declared that the contract entered into between the Powers in these respects was not to be construed as applying to Russia's concern in Manchuria, which was so great and peculiar as to give the Government a superior interest in the Chinese Province.

It may be expected, therefore, that Germany will hold aloof from the efforts of other nations to prevent Russia from obtaining permanent control of Manchuria. Baron von Stenberg, the German Minister, saw Secretary Hay on other business to-day, but took advantage of the occasion to discuss the Manchuria situation informally.

CARTER'S LAW WORK IN PRISON.

Former Captain Acting as Counsel for Other Convicts by Permission.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., April 26.—Oberlin M. Carter, former Captain of Engineers in the army, is a busy man in prison. In addition to acting as clerk in the Federal penitentiary hospital and florist, he is engaged in preparing legal habeas-corpus petitions for other military prisoners to enable them to get out of the penitentiary.

Carter is doing this with the consent of the prison officials, who, in fact, send the prisoners to Carter for consultation and to prepare petitions. All prisoners have the right to petition.

Within a few weeks the military prisoners in the penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth have raised the question that they cannot be confined in a civil penitentiary after undergoing confinement in a military prison at Fort Leavenworth.

Several trainees who stable their horses at Jamaica brought to the Aqueduct racetrack yesterday a story that J. R. Hand, who came into prominence during the Benning meeting because he trained Tommy Foster, the horse which won at 200 to 1, had been shot and killed in the ring at the Jamaica racetrack on Friday night.

The story was that Hand went to the track and, finding the gates shut, started to climb over the fence, when a watchman who had instructions to allow no one to enter shot and killed him.

The yarn gave the Jamaica police a lot of trouble until they found Hand asleep last night and asked him if he had been shot. It appears that somebody under the track out his foot on Friday, and some one who saw the blood on the grandstand yesterday used it as an excuse to send broadcast the report that Hand had been killed.

RAISED AN AXE ON THE MAYOR.

Inmate Man's Hand Caught in Time to Save Mr. Connell of Seranton.

SCRANTON, Pa., April 26.—While Mayor A. T. Connell was standing in Spruce street to-day with his foot on the hub of a carriage wheel, a man who had been arrested for a crime, raised an axe and was about to strike him. The man was stopped by a police officer, and the Mayor was unharmed.

The Mayor laughed and evidently thought it little more than a joke. Later, however, when taken into custody, was found to be suffering from a religious mania.

HOLLOW SPRUCE SPARS for racing and cruising sail yachts, and for other boats and boats, at 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, 800, 900, 1000, 1200, 1500, 2000, 2500, 3000, 4000, 5000, 6000, 7000, 8000, 9000, 10000, 12000, 15000, 20000, 25000, 30000, 40000, 50000, 60000, 70000, 80000, 90000, 100000, 120000, 150000, 200000, 250000, 300000, 400000, 500000, 600000, 700000, 800000, 900000, 1000000, 1200000, 1500000, 2000000, 2500000, 3000000, 4000000, 5000000, 6000000, 7000000, 8000000, 9000000, 10000000, 12000000, 15000000, 20000000, 25000000, 30000000, 40000000, 50000000, 60000000, 70000000, 80000000, 90000000, 100000000, 120000000, 150000000, 200000000, 250000000, 300000000, 400000000, 500000000, 600000000, 700000000, 800000000, 900000000, 1000000000, 1200000000, 1500000000, 2000000000, 2500000000, 3000000000, 4000000000, 5000000000, 6000000000, 7000000000, 8000000000, 9000000000, 10000000000, 12000000000, 15000000000, 20000000000, 25000000000, 30000000000, 40000000000, 50000000000, 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